

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Application Serial No. 10/693,648
Attorney Docket No. Q77838

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present Amendment, claims 2-4 are all the claims pending in the application. The Examiner has indicated that claims 2-4 are allowed. Claims 5-9 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Further, claims 5, 6, 8 and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rathbun (U.S. Patent No. 5,706,095) in view of Fukushima (U.S. Patent No. 6,115,561) and claim 7 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rathbun in view of Fukushima, further in view of Morrison et al. (JP 06-236078). Without commenting substantively on the grounds of rejection, Applicant submits that the rejection of these claims is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 5-9 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Therefore, as claims 2-4 are allowed by the Examiner, the Application is believed to be in condition for allowance. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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